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SUBJECT: DANISH PRESS REACTION TO DANISH CHIEF OF DEFENSE'S OUTLINE  
1975 AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE COMMENT

SUMMARY: DANISH CHIEF OF DEFENSE HAS DISTRIBUTED A DOCUMENT ASKING  
FOR ESSENTIALLY THE SAME FORCE LEVEL, BUT SOME INCREASE IN  
MONEY, OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. DEFENSE MINISTER MOLLER  
AGREED WITH EVALUATIONS BUT

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SAID THAT PERHAPS INCREASED EFFORT NECESSARY. LIMITED

PRESS COVERAGE HAS SO FAR BEEN NEUTRAL TO SUPPORTIVE. END  
SUMMARY

1. DANISH CHIEF OF DEFENSE (CHOD), GENERAL BLIXENKRONE-MOLLER, HAS JUST DISTRIBUTED A 92 PAGE DOCUMENT, CHOD OUTLINE 1975, WHICH GIVES THE BACKGROUND OF PRESENT DANISH DEFENSE POLICIES AND FORCE STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS, AND PROPOSES THAT ESSENTIALLY THE SAME FORCE STRUCTURE BE CONTINUED OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THE PRESENT DEFENSE AGREEMENT EXPIRES IN 1977. SOME UNSPECIFIED INCREASE OF MONEY AND PERSONNEL IS SEEN AS REQUIRED. DOCUMENT IS BEING TRANSLATED AT PRESENT BY EMBASSY AT GENRAL'S REQUEST AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPT. AND DOD.

2. OUTGOING COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ALLIED FORCES BALTIC APPROACHES, VICE ADMIRAL ADAM HELMS, IN A FAREWELL SPEECH TO HIS STAFF, POINTED OUT THE INCREASED ARMAMENT OF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SAYING "...THE MOST BEUTIFUL WORDS CANNOT HIDE THE FACT THAT SOVIET UNION AND THE EAST BLOC COUNTRIES, UNLIKE NATO, INCREASE THEIR MILITARY FORCES, WHICH IS AT VARIANCE WITH THEIR PROFESSED PEACEFUL INTETNIONS... THE WEST SHOULD NOT ABANDON THE POLICY OF DETENTE, BUT THIS ROAD IS PASSABLE ONLY IF THE WEST IS ABLE TO MUST SUFFICIENT STRENGTH AND SHOW SUFFICIENT SOLIDARITY... OUR DEFENSE IS INSUFFICIENT COMPARED TO THE FORCES WE FACE..."

3. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH POLITIKEN (RAIDCAL-LIBERAL), MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ORLA MOLLER, AGREED WITH BOTH GENERAL BLIKENKRONE-MOLLER AND ADMIRAL HELMS ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF CONTINUED MILITARY ESCALATION OF THE EAST BLOC COUNTRIES AND REJECTED THE ALLEGATION THAT THIS ATTITUDE WAS A RETURN TO COLD WAR IDEAS. HE SAID THAT THESE MATTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE FOLKETING DEFENCE COMMITTEE. HE WAS NOT SURE THAT THE PRESENT FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK WOULD BE SUFFICIENT IF THE EAST BLOC CONTINUED TO INCREASE ITS ARMAMENT LEVELS.

4. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE SO FAR HAS BEEN MOSTLY RESTRICTED TO FACTUAL REPORTING OF THE OUTLINE 1975 AND SPEECH MENTIONED ABOVE. LEADING EDITORIAL IN BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (CONSERVATIVE), 22 DECEMBER, HOWEVER, SAID THAT OUTLINE 75 WAS FAIR  
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ESTIMATE AS FAR AS IT WENT, CONSIDERING THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE DESIRE FOR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT, BUT THAT THE MODEST REQUEST FOR INCREASES HID THE FACT THAT THE DANISH DEFENSE FORCE WAS A VERY SMALL FORCE. BERLINGSKI QUESTIONED THE SUFFICIENCY OF THIS FORCE.

5. COMMENT: ALL OF THE ABOVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS BUILD-UP FOR THE FOLKETING DEFENCE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION ON EXTENSION

OF THE DEFENCE AGREEMENT. IT IS ENCOURAGING, HOWEVER, THAT THE  
VIEWS BEING PUT FORTH BY THE DANISH MILITARY AND THE MOD  
HAVE NOT CREATED ANY ADVERSE PRESS REACTION.  
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